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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR COLOMBIA

STATE 57318 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES QUESTIONS RAISED BY INTER- AGENCY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE. WE HOPE FOLLOWING BRIEF RESPONSES MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO COMMITTEE' S DELIBERATIONS.

2. NATIONAL POLICE HAVE DEVELOPED A NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN A TOTAL FORCE APPROACH TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND ALSO AN OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED NARCOTICS UNIT. BOTH OF THESE PLANS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION; LACK OF EQUIPMENT IS ONE OF THE PRIME LIMITING FACTORS IN ACHIEVING DESIRED GOALS. COPIES OF THESE PLANS ARE AVAILABLE AT AID/ OPS. NATIONAL POLICE ARE PREPARED TO PUT THIS EQUIPMENT TO WORK EFFECTIVELY UPON ITS ARRIVAL. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND BASED OUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN OUR EVALUATION THAT THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE FULLY UTILIZED PROMPTLY AND THAT MAINTENANCE WOULD BE ASSURED. WE ARE CONFIDENT NATIONAL POLICE PLANNING FOR FUTURE IS SOUND AND REALISTIC.

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3. ALL OF THE RADIO EQUIPMENT PROPOSED IS PORTABLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME REPEATERS. PRESENT NATIONAL POLICE PORTABLE EQUIPMENT IS ANTIQUATED, INSUFFICIENT FOR HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL AMBASSADOR SACCIO IS PROVIDING CURRENT AND ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF PROSPECTS.)

3. CARVALHO E SILVA AGREED WITH OUR DESCRIPTION OF ARGENTINA AS " UNCERTAIN." HE FELT IT UNLIKELY THAT ARGENTINA WOULD TAKE LEAD IN PROMOTING ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE, BUT CONSIDERED THAT MOST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED WOULD BE ABSTENTION, WITH STRONGER POSSIBILITY THAT THE ARGENTINE DELEGATE WOULD IN FINAL ANALYSIS JOIN WITH THOSE FAVORING CHANGE.
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